

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN ASPIRANTS IN THE FLYING SCHOOLS ABROAD  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of Indian students went abroad for flight training every year;
- (b) if so, the number of Indian students who went abroad during the last three years, till date;
- (c) whether cases of mishaps involving Indian aspirants at flying schools abroad are on the rise;
- (d) if so, the details of such incidents noticed during the said period;
- (e) the reasons for which Indian flying training students prefer training abroad; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to check such trend among Indian students?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a) and (b):- The Government does not maintain any such records.

(c) and (d):- Flying training undergone by Indian aspirants at Flying School abroad is monitored by the regulatory authority of respective countries.

(e) and (f):- Training in India or abroad is a matter of individual choice of the trainee. The existing flying training institutes in India are trying to cope with the increasing demand of pilots in the industry. To further ease the situation, the Government has taken various steps. These include upgradation and modernisation of training infrastructure of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) to enhance its training capacity, setting up of a world class flying training institute at Gondia, Maharashtra and assistance to flying clubs by allocating trainer aircraft through the Directorate General of Civil Aviation/Aero Club of India.